REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of this preliminary amendment. New claims 23-61 replace previously claims 1-22. Indeed, new claims 23-42 and 46-47 are substantially similar to claims 1-22, respectively; changes include correcting grammar and converting some equations into text. No new matter is being added. The Examiner has any questions or matters that can be expediently handled by telephone, he or she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (206) 359-3599.

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